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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Mass of Anticipation
5:00PM- English

Sunday
9:00AM – English
10:30AM – Polish
12:30PM – Spanish

Weekday
Monday - Saturday
9:00AM – English



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1235 George Street
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Religious Education
Wednesday: 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

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1232 George Street
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Saturday and Sunday: Closed
or by appointment
Monday - Friday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliations
Saturday: 4:15 pm
By request: After Mass
Sunday - Saturday: Mornings

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – November 14… Weekday
9:00AM…+All Souls
5:00PM…+Robert Chanda, req. Mary Ellen Chanda

Sunday – November 15…33rd Sunday–Ordinary Time
9:00AM…+Steven Williams, req. Richard Williams, Dad
10:30AM…+ All Souls
+ Zmarłych z rodziny Grzelak i Kuroń rodziny
+ Antoni Miasik, od żona i dzieci
12:30PM.. +Jose Carlos Arias
+Jarisa Fuentes

Monday – November 16… St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Gertrude
9:00AM…+Michael Parise, req. Angela and Elisa Apis,

Tuesday – November 17… St. Elizabeth of Hungary
9:00AM…+Giovanna Mone (1 Anniv.),
req. Angelia Negri, sister

Wednesday – November 18…Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
9:00AM…+Ruth Sullivan (Birthday in Heaven)
req. Gayle Sullivan, daughter

Thursday – November 19… Weekday
9:00AM...+Michael J. Onuska,Jr, req. John and Theresa

Friday – November 20…Weekday
9:00AM…+Mike Parise, req. Eric and Lisa Scheidemann

Saturday – November 21… Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00AM…+All Souls
5:00PM..+Jerry Signorelli, req. Beverly and Peter Cirino

Sunday – November 22…Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
9:00AM…+Frank Apisa, req. Maria and David Fame
10:30AM+ Leszek Rutkowski. (2nd. Anniv), .od Zona
+ Jarosławe Stalenyi od rozina
+ Edmund Grzymala (3. Anniv.) z rodziną
12:30PM..+ Marta Consula Arias Sepulveda,
req. Miguel Sepulveda

THE TABERNACLE CANDLE will burn this week for **All Souls.**

THE BREAD AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER is in memory of **Jerry Signorelli** at the request of **Beverly and Peter Cirino.**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED
For those whose health is challenged in any way especially for **Marian Parcinski, Giovani Todaro, Olga Skolka, Helga Gilligan, Zena Kazmierski, Sherif R., Eric Johansen, Barbara Bylecki and Danny Mescallado.**

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the Faithful Departed.

ANNUAL 2026 APPEAL

The Appeal is continuing. Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus. Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. Our parish goal this year is **$29,654.60,** and we already collected **$27,230.00!** Please make a gift online today:

STEWARDSHIP

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

Domingo 33º del Tiempo Ordinario

"Bien hecho, mi buen y fiel sirviente. Porque has sido fiel en lo poco, te daré grandes responsabilidades." - MATEO 25:21

Dios nos llama a cultivar y desarrollar los dones que Él nos ha dado, y entonces devolver generosamente una parte con aumento. Él no quiere que desperdiciemos o acumulemos los dones que nos ha dado. Él espera que hagamos crecer nuestros dones, que los utilicemos sabiamente, y que seamos generosos con ellos. Lamentablemente, muchos de nosotros no somos generosos en proporción a todo lo que Dios nos ha dado. Dios nos pide que seamos generosos con todos nuestros dones, especialmente con aquellos que significan más para nosotros.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-29, 30-31
An encomium for a good and worthy wife, this passage from Proverbs extols all the virtues which a worthy wife possesses – fidelity, industriousness, skill, charity to the poor, and fear of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Once again, Paul reassures the Thessalonians, who are anxious about the coming of Christ, that they need not fear being unprepared because they are "children of light."

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30
Jesus narrates the parable of the talents – in the story, the silver pieces given to the three men. Two of the men invest their coins and double their worth, but the third buries his coins in the ground and earns no return. The message of Jesus is that we must use to the fullest the talents we have received.

Calling All Women of Faith!

Parish Women's Faith and Fellowship Group.

This ministry invites women of all ages and backgrounds to deepen their relationship with Christ, build meaningful connections with one another, and live out their faith through prayer, reflection, service, and fellowship.

Whether you are a mother, grandmother, student, professional, retiree, or simply seeking a place to belong, this group is for you. We welcome women wherever they are on their faith journey and believe that every woman has a unique gift to share in the life of the Church.

Why Are Women's Faith Groups So Important?

Women's faith groups provide sacred spaces where women can grow spiritually, share their joys and challenges, and find strength in community. In today's busy and often isolating world, women need places where they are seen, heard, and valued, not only for what they do, but for who they are as beloved daughters of God.

Faith groups offer encouragement, deepen understanding of our Catholic faith, and foster lasting friendships rooted in Christ's love. They help women discover new ways to pray, serve, and lead within their families, parish, and community. Together, we learn that we are not alone and that God works powerfully through the support, wisdom, and witness of others.

Women's groups are places of healing, purpose, and mission, where we listen to God and to one another as we discern how the Holy Spirit is calling us to grow and serve.

Join Us!

Next Meeting, Tuesday, November 17

5:00 PM - 7:00PM



Liturgy of the Word

On Sundays we offer Liturgy of the Word at the 9AM Mass for children K-3 during the Homily and Intercessions in the church Chapel.

If you are willing to help as an assistant once a month, please contact Karole in the office.



ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Prayers.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Thursdays after the Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:45AM



Rosarian Bake Sale
November 21 and 22

after all the weekend masses. in the open area of the church.

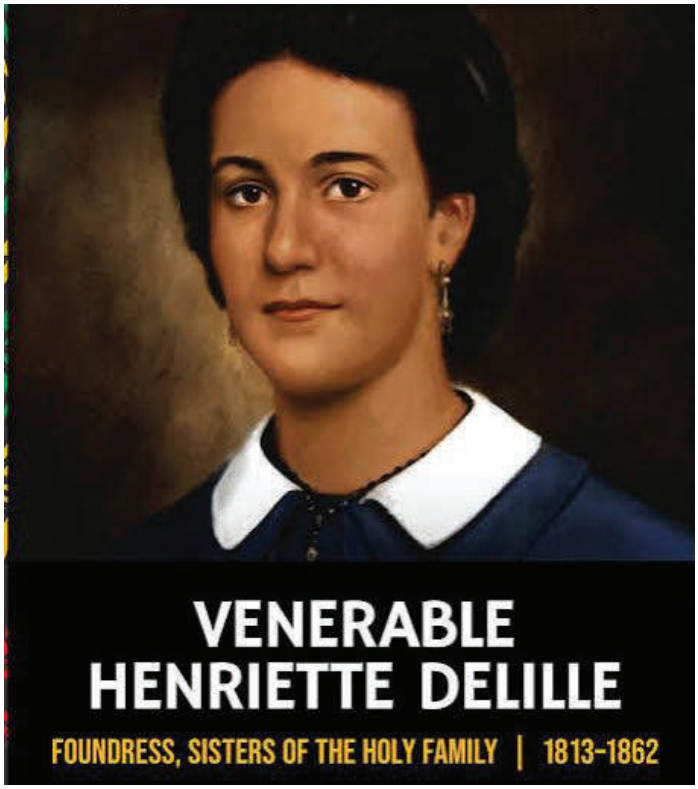
Best Church Seniors, Thursday 11/19

We will have a Zoom meeting on thankfulness with Maria Morera Johnson. She will speaking on "What it means to leave everything behind and to start all over." Ther will also be some entertainment quizzes. All seniors and almost seniors are welcome to attend. Please call the office to let us know you will be attending.





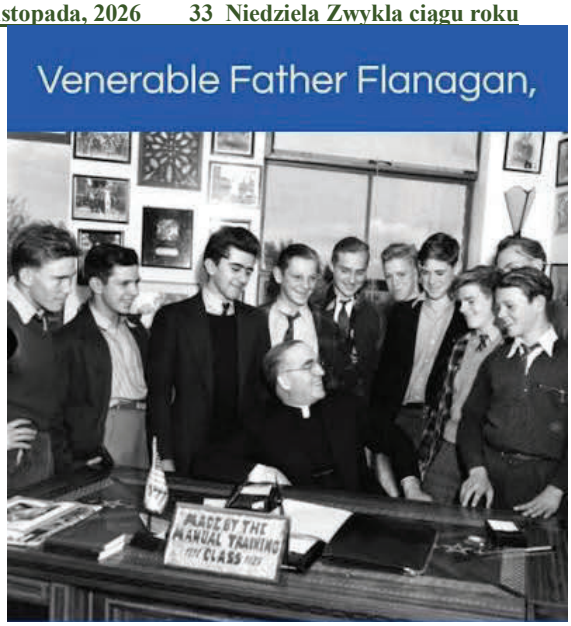
The Saints of the Week:



Venerable Henriette DeLille was born, in New Orleans, Louisiana, a free woman of color. Henriette was drawn to the faith from childhood. She began teaching catechism to enslaved people as a teenager, setting the course for a life devoted entirely to the spiritual and physical care of the most marginalized.

In 1842, together with Juliette Gaudin and Josephine Charles, Henriette founded the Sisters of the Holy Family, a religious order of free women of color in a state where the very idea of an integrated religious community was forbidden by law. The Sisters operated in secret at first. They taught catechism, nursed the sick, cared for orphans, and ran schools for enslaved and free Black communities. Their work was a quiet, radical act of love in a world built on dehumanization.

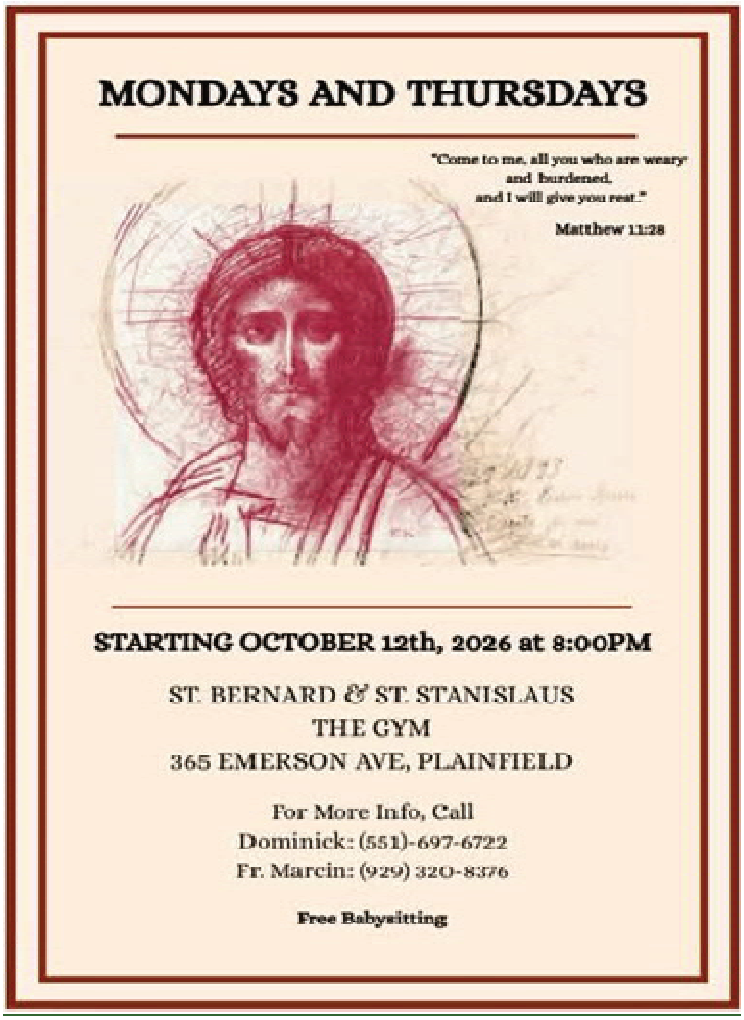
The Sisters of the Holy Family she founded continue their ministry today in Louisiana and across the United States. She was declared Venerable by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010. If canonized, Henriette DeLille would become the first Black American born in the United States to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church, a distinction that speaks to the depth of her witness and the enduring power of her example.



Venerable Edward Joseph Flanagan was the eighth of eleven children. He grew up in rural Irish poverty, but with deep Catholic faith. In 1904, at age 18, he emigrated to the United States following his older brother. He entered Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Omaha on July 26, 1912.

As a young priest Father Flanagan worked with the homeless and unemployed, and was deeply moved by the number of abandoned, impoverished, and mistreated young people he encountered. Convinced that no child was beyond redemption, he opened a home for boys on December 12, 1917, with just $90 and five boys. His motto became the most famous words of his life: "There are no bad boys."

Father Flanagan was a visionary social reformer who countered the trend of merely punishing antisocial behavior, instead seeking to understand the unmet human needs that triggered it. He welcomed children of every race, religion, and background decades before the civil rights movement. In 1947, at the request of the War Department he went to Japan and Korea to advise on the care of children, and in 1948 to Austria and Germany. He died on May 15, 1948, in Berlin while carrying out this mission. He was buried at Boys Town; the community he had built for thousands of children who had no one else. He was declared Venerable by Pope Leo XIV in March of this year.



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From Fr. Marcin

On this next to the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Gospel presents us the well-known Parable of the Talents. It is part of Jesus' discourse on the end times, which immediately precedes His passion, death and resurrection. The parable describes a rich gentleman who has to go away and, foreseeing a long absence, entrusts his property to three of his servants: to the first he entrusts five talents; to the second, two; to the third, one. Jesus specifies that the distribution is made "each according to his ability." The Lord does so with all of us: He knows us well and entrusts an amount to each one according to his or her abilities.

During the master's absence, the first two servants are very busy, to the point of doubling the amount entrusted to them. It is not so with the third servant, who hides the talent in a hole: to avoid risks, he leaves it there, safe from thieves, but without making it bear fruit. The moment comes for the master's return, who calls the servants to settle accounts. The first two present the good fruit of their efforts; they have worked and the master praises them, compensates them and invites them to partake in his feast, in his joy. The third, however, realizing he is at fault, immediately begins to justify himself, saying: "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." This is an attitude that we have too: we defend ourselves, many times, by accusing others. But they are not at fault: the fault is ours. So the master rebukes him: he calls the servant "wicked and slothful," he has the talent taken from him and has him cast out of his house.

This parable applies to everyone but, as always, to Christians in particular. We have all received from God many talents: the faith, the Gospel, the Holy Spirit, the Sacraments, and so many other things. These gifts need to be used to do good, to do good in this life, in service to God and to our brothers and sisters.

At times, we think that to be Christian means not to do harm. Not doing harm is good. but not doing good is not good for the Lord. We must do good, to come out of ourselves and to look at those who have more needs, because in putting our talents to work we can experience the mighty power of God in our lives!!

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